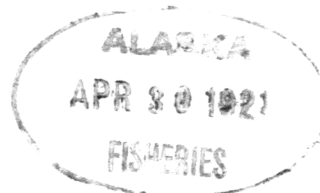


## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF FISHERIES  
68½ Appraiser's Bldg.,  
San Francisco, Calif.,  
April 25, 1921.



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THE COMMISSIONER,  
Bureau of Fisheries, Attention Mr. Bower:  
Washington, D.C.

I am returning herewith the imperfect report of the Central Alaska Fisheries, as it seems that it may be some time before we can have the completed report.

On April 20 last I wrote again to Capt. Marston about the matter, sending him a blank form to be filled out by his son when he returns from Seattle, asking him return of the incomplete form so that you might have it for what it is worth. I received it this morning from the Captain, with a letter, copy of which is herewith appended:

" Berkeley, Apr. 24/21  
Mr. R. A. Coleman, Dear Sir:  
Your very courteous note of 20th inst. received. Enclosed please find the report that I can see needs correction. I will explain why all this happened. 1st. Mr. W. P. Springer, the president of the company, was knocked down by an auto and killed. 2nd. In about 10 days thereafter P. A. Wagner, secretary, died very suddenly. They were the two active men. I was the vice-president but took no active part. Since then my son has been appointed secretary and we sent him to Seattle to deliver the fish and close up the business. He may go to the cannery, but when he returns he will be able to make out an intelligent report, as he will have all the data, and I will see that he fills out the blank you sent and forward it to you. I wish to thank you for your very kind consideration.  
" Very respectfully, (Sgd) W. H. Marston."

I trust this is satisfactory.

*R. A. Coleman*  
Agent